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By: W. Steen Date: Aug. 21, 2001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Gerhard Beitel et al.  
Appl. No. : 09/845,405  
Filed : April 30, 2001  
Title : Method for Removing Structures

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)**

1. This petition is for the aforementioned application of an original invention where an inventor refuses to sign under 37 C.F.R. 1.47 (a).
2. The inventor refusing to sign the application and declaration thereto is Mr. Mattias Ahlstedt of Delft, The Netherlands. Mr Ahlstedt is prohibited from participating in the current application because of his current employment with the European Patent Office (hereinafter "EPO") in Rijswijk, The Netherlands. Employees of the EPO may not participate in patent applications.
3. Attachments  
Attached is:  
(a) a statement from Mattias Ahlstedt whereby he refuses to join the current patent application due to his current employment status with the EPO.

(b) a "Note to Mr. M. Ahlstedt" by the Director of Personnel at the EPO stating in the last paragraph that Mr. Ahlstedt is not authorized to sign the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in the Original Application.

(c) a statement by Mattias Ahlstedt whereby he admits to his participation in the invention "Method for Removing Structures" but further states that he is not allowed to sign the application.

(d) a signed and sealed Certificate, dated August 20, 2001, verifying Mr. Ahlstedt's status as a permanent employee of the EPO since of February 1, 2000.

(e) The Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in Original Application of the remaining inventors, namely, Gerhard Beitel, Walter Hartner, Günther Schindler, Markus Kastner and Volker Weinrich pursuant to Section 1.63

(f) The current address of Mattias Ahlstedt is as follows:

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4. Fee Payment (37 C.F.R. 1.17 (i))

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